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SUBJ: CHANGES IN WHO'S OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

1. SUMMARY. WHO'S OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) TO BECOME DIVISION IN 1977 UNDER ADG CH'EN. DR BRUCE CASSELMAN (CANADA) UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR LING VANCY OR OTHER POSITON; BRIAN COX (CANADA) FOR LONG-VACANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION. DR A. ARIF (IRAQ) OSTENSIBLY TO FILL LING VACANCY BUT MAY BE MOVED ELSEWHERE IN HEADQUARTERS IF DR CASSELMAN HIRED. PERSONNEL SITUATION UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION INFORMED BY OMH STAFFER THAT OMH WILL BECOME A DIVISION EARLY IN 1977, WITH ITS PRESENT HEAD, DR NORMAN SARTORIUS (YUGSOLAVIA) TO BE ADVANCED TO D-2 RANK. OMH HAS BEEN UNDER DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL LAMBO BUT WILL BE MOVED UNDER ADG CH'EN WEN-CHIEH (PRC) UPON REACHING DIVIISION STATUS. DRS MAHLER, LAMBO AND CH'EN HAVE RECENTLY MET WITH OMH STAFF AND DG MAHLER EXPRESSED HOPE TWO NEW RESEARCH-DEMONS-STRATION PROGRAMS IN MENTAL HEALTH COULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR AFRICA AND ASIA.

3. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM CANADIAN SOURCES THAT DR BRUCE CASSELMAN (CANADA'S PROGRAM ADVISER FOR INT'L HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELFARE), IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY LAMBO FOR THE DR GEORGE LING VACANCY, OR POSSIBLE OTHER POSITION, AND BRIAN COX (ALSO CANADA) FOR THE LONG-VACANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION. CASSELMAN HAS HAD RECENT

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TALKS WITH LAMBO AND MET BRIEFLY THIS WEEK WITH DR MAHLER,

BUT, ACCORDING TO CASSELMAN, "THE SITUATION IS STILL OBSCURE".

4. DR A. ARIF (IRAQ), FORMER WHO COUNTRY REP IN PAKISTAN, TUNISIA AND LIBYA, IS ABOUT TO JOIN OMH, OBSENSIBLY IN THE LING POSITION BUT WITHOUT LING'S FORMER SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES OVER STAFF. ARIF HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO HQ BY LAMBO WHO MET HIM IN PAKISTAN A YEAR AGO. THE CANADIANS BELIEVE IF CASSELMAN IS FINALLY SELECTED FOR THE LING POSITION, ARIF MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATIONS OFFICE IN HQ (PRESENTLY DIRECTED BY DR F. SOLIMAN). ARIF HAS NO CREDITABLE EXPERIENCE IN DRUGS (UNDISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE TEN YEARS AGO, ACCORDING TO HIS SUPERVISOR, DR HALBACH).

5. MISSION BELIEVES (WITHOUT BENEFIT OF MISSION OFFICER GOUGH'S COUNSEL, SINCE SHE IS PRESENTLY IN US) CASSELMAN WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THE LING VACANCY OR HIGHER POSITION IN THE NEW DIVISION. AS ONE OF CANADA'S LEADING DRUG EXPERTS, HE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN A WHO ASSIGNMENT, FULLY AWARE HE CANNOT BE HIRED IN A POSITION COMMENSURATE WITH HIS CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES BUT COMMITTED TO BRINGING HIS CONSIDERABLE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG FIELD TO THE NEW DIVISION--TWO AREAS OF EXPERTISE NOTABLY NON-EXISTENT IN THE PRESENT OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

6. MISSION HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AT PRESENT OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE FUTURE DIVISION BUT SUGGESTS DR CASSELMAN APPEARS EMINENTLY SUITED TO AN OVERALL DEPUTY DIRECTOR ROLE UNDER SARTORIUS IN VIEW OF HIS CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF CANADA'S TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IF CASSELMAN BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TWO TANGIBLE RESULTS FOR THE U.S. MIGHT WELL BE 1) A RESTORATIVE BALANCE ON THE HEALTH SIDE IN THE DRUG ADICTION FIELD, AN AREA OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO NIDA, DHEW, AND 2) IN PARTICULAR, AN EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL AT THE HELM WHO UNDERSTANDS THE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG FIELD AND THE ROLE WHO APPARENTLY MUST BE BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES TO PERFORM AS THE RESULT OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG CONVENTION NOW IN EFFECT.

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7. MISSION BELIEVES DR CASSELMAN'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD AND PROGRAM BUDGET MATTERS WITH DR EHRLICH, DHEW, AND DEPT OFFICIALS AFFORDS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE SUBJECT MATTER THIS CABLE. MISSION BELIEVES THE

DEPT AND DR EHRLICH MAY WANT TO ARRANGE FOR DR CASSELMAN  
TO MEET WITH KEY U.S. OFFICIALS, IN PARTICULAR, AMBAS-  
SADOR B. VANCE, DR R. DUPONT AND DR B. BROWN, WITH A  
VIEW TO SUPPORTING CASSELMAN'S CANDIDACY FOR THE MOST  
APPROPRIATE POSITION IN THE NEW DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
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